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**Gov. Wells's Address to the Virginia Convention.**

Mr. President and G-nlemen of the Convention.—I cannot refrain from expressing in a few words my sense of the honor which, unsought, has been conferred upon me. I am relieved from the necessity of an expression of my views in detail upon political questions by the remarks that have already been made in my hearing by your presiding officer. It is, however, I judge, proper, and I hope you will deem it fit, that I should say to you now, at the outset of my official relations, a very few words, expressing substantially my general views, so that you may know how far, and in what particulars, we are in accord. I desire, gentlemen, no office; and can ill afford to hold one. I have consented to take this position for a brief period—I trust it will be very brief—and that not many months will pass away before you will have a Constitution of your own framing—formed and shaped by your own judgment and your own skill—adopted by the people of this Commonwealth; and that when so adopted, the chief executive officer, whose duty and pleasure it will be to carry out the will of the people that you represent, as well as your own views as expressed in that instrument, will be such an officer elected by a majority of the people of this Commonwealth—because, after all, the great beauty and the virtue of the form of government under which we live, is that it is a government of the people, coming from the people, supported by the people, and sustained for the good of the whole people. However, in the brief period that must elapse before that consummation can have been reached, there are imposed upon me the duties of your chief executive officer.—The great wish that is paramount in my heart—and I believe it is paramount in all of your hearts—is that we should restore the old Commonwealth of Virginia to her position among the States of the Union, the co-equal in all particulars with the most favored of the States; and that in order to the restoration of this State to that condition, certain organic, fundamental, and if you please radical, changes must be made. No man in this year (1868) can close his eyes to the fact that a great change has taken place. No man can close his eyes to the fact that that change has brought with it certain responsibilities and certain, not new, but newly-expressed, rights—newly-guaranteed rights. No man, I think, can fail to see that, however disagreeable to him personally the change may be, it is as much a fact as though decreed by the Almighty Ruler above us. All men are to-day, in the State of Virginia, free and equal, not simply in theory and in principle, but as a great living fact; and such legislation, such changes in our organic and statutory law as are necessary to carry out that great truth, must be made; and he that hopes or expects to be able to resist that progress will in a short time wake up to the conviction that he hopes beyond, without, and against hope. I have watched with great interest the progress that you have made in the framing of a Constitution. I recognize in it a good work begun—many things, perhaps, that if you were to do again your experience would enable you to do better. It is enough to know that you have kept steadily in view, from the beginning to the present day, the great living principle of freedom—the fact that all men are entitled to vote without regard to race or color—the principle that the law must rise entirely beyond any and all discrimination on account of race or color—the great principle that taxation must be not mainly upon the head, but upon the property; that all property, of all kinds, must bear equal taxation everywhere—the great principle that every child that is born within these broad domains is entitled to be educated, fitted, and prepared for the responsibilities and the duties that are to rest upon it. These principles, developed and ripened as they will be into an organic law, must prevail. Whether your Constitution may be passed at this time is another question. Its principles certainly will be the law of this land at some day, beyond all peradventure; and how unwise it would be for any of us, or any of the people that you represent, to oppose what the great G-d has decreed beforehand? If we do oppose it, we shall be found to be fighting against the gods; and there is nothing but disaster and defeat left for us. These views, gentlemen, are not new to me. I have entertained them for a long time. I have expressed them on all proper occasions. I never thought it right to broadcast my views or to conceal them. I am not of superimportance as to make it proper for me to attempt to impress my views upon this or any other community; but when one gentleman or more, singly or together, do desire to know what those opinions were, I have freely expressed them, and I shall continue to do so. I am not, gentlemen, in the sense in which the word is ordinarily used, a partisan, and hope I shall not be; but I have an abiding faith. I may be mistaken in it, but still it is my faith that the Commonwealth of Virginia can be restored to her former condition, her fields be made fertile, her resources developed, her people be made prosperous, peaceful, and happy, excepting through the party to which we belong; and therefore I regard the success and the supremacy of that party as absolutely vital—so vital that without it all will be lost; and therefore you will be prepared to hear me express the hope that there will be found no man within all your borders who will do ought to divide the elements of that party. For my own part, I can only say to you, gentlemen, that I have no personal ambitions to gratify; neither desire I to reward nor enemy to punish; but I am willing to do all that I can do to maintain the supremacy of the law, promote the peace and the prosperity of the State, and to secure the harmony of the great Republican party. Thanking you, gentlemen for your kindness in listening to what I have said, I take leave of you.

After returning thanks, the General retired from the hall. A vote of thanks was tendered him for his address.

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